

*Journals of Travels in Assam, Burma, Bootan, Affganistan, and the neighbouring countries.* By the late WILLIAM GRIFFITH, F.L.S., &c. &c. Arranged by J. MACCLELLAND, F.L.S. Calcutta, 1847.

*Notula ad Plantas Asiaticas.* Part I. *Development of Organs in Phanerogamous Plants.* By the same.

*Icones Plantarum Asiaticarum.* Part I. By the same.

These valuable works are a portion of the "Posthumous Papers bequeathed to the Honourable the East India Company, and printed by order of the Government of Bengal," of the late lamented W. Griffith. The Company has, with its accustomed liberality, printed them, and is now presenting copies of them to those persons and Societies to whom they may be useful. It does not appear that any copies are offered for sale.

The work at the head of our list is an octavo volume of above 500 pages, full of remarks upon the little-known districts which he traversed and peculiarly rich in botanical information. It is also illustrated by some capital sketches of scenery. The other two books constitute the descriptive text, and illustrative plates of what may be considered as one work. The quarto plates are sixty-two in number, and are quite filled with magnified and elaborate dissections in illustration, chiefly of the development of the parts of the flower, in numerous genera and species. It is unnecessary to remark upon the value of these plates and their descriptions. Those who are acquainted with Mr. Griffith's papers contained in the late volumes of the 'Linnæan Transactions,'—and what botanist is not?—will know what to expect and will not be disappointed.

We presume from the Travels ending with the "end of vol. I." and the other books being each denominated Part I., that it is the intention of the Honourable Company to publish further portions of the papers in its possession. We trust that it will prove so; for the remarks of such an observer as the present author ought not to be lost.

*The Marine Botanist: an Introduction to the study of Algology, containing Descriptions of the commonest British Sea-Weeds, with Figures of the most remarkable Species.* By ISABELLA GIFFORD. London: Darton and Co.

A nice little book upon the British Sea-weeds, which our subscribers may safely recommend to such of their friends as purpose visiting the coast.

The work is professedly only a preparation for more perfect systematic books, the object of this being to give descriptions of our commonest marine Algæ in as simple words as possible, and the authoress has shown as much judgement in the important matter of terminology as in the general arrangement of the matter. An absolute avoidance of scientific terms must lead to obscurity in the present state of knowledge, and the only way to simplify the technical terms is to make them more scientifically definite. Those who object to the "hard words," as they are called, in works on Natural